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THREE OVERSEAS TEAMS FOR AUSTRALIA

FOOTBALL KLUB AUSTRIA has confirmed its intention to tour Victoria, New South Wales and New Zealand this season, and has been included in the itineraries with the other two visiting sides from Hungary and China.

F.K. Austria is one of Austria's top-line clubs, and has won the State and Mit-Europa Cups on many occasions.

Melbourne will see five games in a programme planned to present each of the touring teams twice, and includes a Test match. The games will be played at Olympic Park on two Saturdays and three Sundays.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Australian tour programme is as follows:—

AT MELBOURNE.

Sunday, July 7: Hungary v. Victoria.

Saturday, July 13: Hungary v. Austria.

Sunday, July 14: Austria v. Victoria.

Saturday, August 10: China v. Australia.

Sunday, August 11: China v. Victoria.

AT BRISBANE.

Wed., July 24: China v. Queensland.

Sat., July 27: China v. Hungary.

Wed., July 31: China v. Queensland.

AT SYDNEY.

Wed., July 3: China v. Sydney (at night).

Mr. Skolnik takes the plunge



Sat., July 6: F.K. Austria v. Australia.
Wed., July 10: F.K. Austria v. China (at night).
Sat., July 13: China v. Australia.
Tues., July 16: Hungary v. China (at night).
Sat., July 20: Hungary v. F.K. Austria.
Wed., July 31: Hungary v. Australia (at night).
Sat., August 17: F.K. Austria v. Australia.

AT NEWCASTLE.

Sat., June 29: F.K. Austria v. Australia.
Sun., June 30: F.K. Austria v. Northern Districts (at Cessnock).
Sat., July 20: China v. Australia.
Sun., July 21: Hungary v. Northern Districts.
Sat., August 3: Hungary v. China.
Sun., August 4: China v. Northern Districts.

AT WOLLONGONG.

Sun., July 7: China v. South Coast.
Wed., July 17: F.K. Austria v. South Coast.

AT PERTH.

Sat., June 29: Hungary v. W. Aust.
Mon., July 1: Hungary v. W. Aust.
Sat., August 17: China v. W. Aust.

AT ADELAIDE.

Thurs., July 4: Hungary v. S. Aust.
Sat., July 6: Hungary v. Australian XI.
Tues., August 13: China v. S. Aust.

AT HOBART.

Wed., July 10: Hungary v. Tasmania.
Wed., August 7: China v. Tasmania.

PROMOTER Jack Skolnik is risking £25,000 bringing one of Hungary's top teams on tour this season. He is also providing a trophy for an Australian-wide cup contest between visiting national sides and an Australian team.

Touring teams taking part in the contest are Ferencvaros, the

(Continued on Page 10.)

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN**DOCKERTY, ARMSTRONG DRAW**

THE first round draw of the Dockerty Cup competition, to be played on Saturday, May 25, resulted as follows:—

N'BOROUGH UTD. v. PASCOE V.
BENDIGO UTD. v. ROSEBUD.
BRUNSWICK v. BOX HILL.
MOE v. BRIGHTON.
DANDENONG ROV. v. FIOREN.
HEIDELBERG v. BAYSWATER.
GEO. CROSS v. BONEGILLA.
AMPOL-WODONGA v. C.S.R.
MACCABI v. SUNSHINE UTD.
MELBOURNE v. G.M. HOLDENS.
PRAHRAN v. M'ABBIN CITY.
PRESTON v. LIONS.
RICHMOND v. C. FERTILISERS.
STH. MELB. v. PORT MELB.
PARK RANGERS v. VIC. POLICE.
F.N.D. v. FERNTREE GULLY.
COBURG v. HAYDUK.
I.C.I. v. FOOTSCRAY CITY.
FRANKSTON v. YARRA PARK.
YALLOURN v. CROATIA.
UNIVERSITY v. FAIRFIELD.
SUNSHINE CITY v. W'STOWN.
SANDHAM CITY v. ST. ALB.
HELLENIC v. SOUTH YARRA.
BYES INTO SECOND ROUND:
WILHELMINA, GEELONG,
MORELAND, JUVENTUS, POLONIA.
SLAVIA, HAKOAH.
J.U.S.T.

THE Harry Armstrong (Reserve) Cup ties, to be played on the same day, are:

SLAVIA v. PRAHRAN.
WILHELMINA v. GEELONG.
J.U.S.T. v. PRESTON.
DAND. ROVERS v. STH. MELB.
HEIDELBERG v. GEO. CROSS.
SNDHAM. CITY v. YALLOURN.
F.N.D. v. FOOTSCRAY CITY.
I.C.I. v. SUNSHINE UNITED.
SOUTH YARRA v. POLONIA.
HAKOAH v. MORELAND.
RICHMOND v. UNIVERSITY.
PARK RANGERS v. BRIGHTON.
COBURG v. HELLENIC.
BOX HILL v. MOORABBIN CITY.
SUNSHINE CITY v. JUVENTUS.
MACCABI v. LIONS.

OLYMPIC GAMES 1956

The only official Olympic Games full-length colour film will be shown at the Majestic Theatre, Flinders Street, Melbourne, in about three weeks time.

DOCKERTY CUP

Notice is hereby given of addresses of clubs out of the Metropolitan area, participating in the Dockerty Cup:

BONEGILLA A.S.C.: Secretary, V. Kostromin, Bl. 19, C.I.C., Bonegilla, Vic.

AMPOL S.C.: Secretary, R. Tod-

orovic, c/o Miles Motors, Melbourne Road, Wodonga, Vic. The Ampol Club play at Martin Park, Wodonga. Any club which meets either club is requested to contact the respective secretaries without delay.

S. Beaton,
Secretary V.A.S.F.A.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHY NO NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"BAD TASTE."

(To the Editor)

Sir.—As a regular patron to Olympic Park, I am amazed that no National Anthem is played before the games start. To me, it shows bad taste and is very un-British.

Also, why not a little music before and at the interval. It's not too much to ask, I'm sure.

I would willingly supply above requests with pleasure. — Yours, etc.,

GEORGE STEVENS.

4 Cushing Avenue, Bentleigh.

[Alec Kerr, arena manager at Olympic Park, replies: At the moment, due to technical difficulties and expense, it is not possible to play records and The Anthem as suggested. However, I am hoping to arrange something on these lines for when the Inter-State and international games are played on the Park. Personally, I'd go one better. I'd like to see a band and marching girls. And maybe before the end of the season, something will be arranged.]

★ ★ ★

Dear Sir,

A couple of weeks ago, our team manager and four of our players were refused admittance to Olympic Park by the rear entrance. This was for the Rest of the World game. Yet, not five minutes later, officials from two well-known First Division clubs were allowed to pass through the same entrance without any arguments. Is this being fair to the smaller clubs? Is it fair play for the junior managers? For obvious reasons, I will not disclose the name of my club, but merely sign myself —

"FAIR PLAY."

[Mr. Alec Kerr, arena manager at Olympic Park, has no knowledge of the above occurrence, but emphasises that players, officials and the Press are allowed to enter the ground by the Riverside entrance only. Tickets are available there.]

MANCHESTER UNITED failed in their bid for English League and Cup double. Aston Villa beat them 2-1 at Wembley in the Cup Final — but United had goalkeeper Wood off the field and then limping on a wing for most of the game.

Dear Sir,—I would like to say "Thanks" to George Cross and Yallourn for a great game played in a fast, clean way. May both teams keep up the good standard. Best for George Cross was De Bono and Jayes, and for Yallourn, Blunt and Saxonby.—Yours, etc.,

W. PEDRES.

Dear Sir,

I can hardly reconcile the policy of the Victorian Soccer Association to encourage boys to take interest in soccer with their decision to charge one shilling as admission to the Olympic Park matches for children between four and twelve years.—Yours, etc.,

ALOIS SVIHLA,
282 Montague Street,
South Melbourne.

EDITORIAL.

DO YOUR DUTY!

AT a time when Victorian soccer is on the up and up, it is disturbing to hear of a person who has had enough of the sport and has decided to get out of it.

The man in question is a player with a chip on his shoulder; a 26-year-old Division 3 centre-forward.

This is what he has said:

"I'm finishing with soccer because I don't honestly feel players get the protection to which they are entitled from the referee. Too often players are injured by malicious tackles, yet referees let it go, or, if they speak to the offender, they rarely report him."

"These 'makeshift referees' are a curse. They are not nearly firm enough. Consequently more and more dangerous play is tolerated. I like a good, hard game, but one operation and numerous other knocks which have kept me out of the game have convinced me that it's time I got out for good. After all, I'm a married man. And I can't afford to be off work and pay heavy hospital bills."

Maybe he's been unlucky. And we know the council have done a grand job by improving the standard in the middle; and that the number of referees has been brought up to full strength.

But it must be conceded that not all referees are as good as the council would like them to be. And, similarly, not all footballers are clean players.

Just to dispel any doubts, let us, therefore, make this point quite clear — especially to referees who officiate in the lower divisions:

Don't be afraid to use your authority to stamp out dirty play. Players have either got to stick to the rules or be sent packing.

In other words: Do your duty. And then leave the rest to the Disciplinary Committee....

★ ★ THE REFEREES' PAGE ★ ★

This is the second of a new series by a top referee which will iron out many of the tricky problems that occasionally trip up referees as well as spectators. This week he writes about the rule that causes the controversy . . .

OFF-SIDE? — don't let it catch you napping!

THE offside rule and offside decisions cause more argument than anything else in football.

Actually, the off-side rule is very simple to operate, but there is a tendency on the part of some referees to award free-kicks needlessly.

For instance, I saw a forward, knowing that he was in an off-side position, walk towards his own goal paying no heed to the ball that dropped behind him, yet the referee awarded a free-kick against him.

There is surely no need of this. It is not an offence for a player to be in an off-side position. It merely becomes an offence when he interferes

with play or attempts to interfere with it.

In this case the forward concerned did the correct thing. And the referee should have recognised this and allowed the game to proceed.

It is refreshing to come across players who can think quickly enough to know whether or not they are on-side.

In one game a forward-line was moving up to the attack, and the outside-left, anticipating a pass from the centre-forward, kept on the move.

The centre-forward, however, sold the defence the "dummy" by passing to the inside-right, whose shot beat the goalkeeper. The referee decided upon "offside" against the outside-left, who, although in an offside position,

could not possibly have interfered with play.

Clearly, this should have been a goal.

Another error some referees make in interpreting the off-side rule is to stop the game when a forward, knowing one of his colleagues is off-side, holds on to the ball and goes through on his own.

He is another of the quick-thinking forwards who are often wrongly penalised.

Now, if the forward in an offside position has taken a defender with him and left the way clear for the other forward to hold the ball and go through, that is another matter. The first forward can rightly be judged to have "interfered with play."

Then there is the case of forwards pulled up for offside immediately a free kick has been taken.

When a free kick is being taken and it is obvious that the ball is going to be dropped near the goal, it is not difficult for referees to note the forwards who are stupid enough to stand in an off-side position.

No Benefit.

If they are on-side when the kick is taken then it matters little where they are when they receive the ball. The fact is that they were on-side when the ball was last played.

I have heard it said that many referees are "too conscious" of the off-side rule. But I do not think it is so much that as that they feel bound to give defenders the benefit of the doubt.

Yet there is nothing in the rules of the game to suggest that any player has a right to the benefit of the doubt!

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NINE-GOAL DEBUT BY VIRSILLA

DIVISION 3 Reserves newcomers, all-Italian club, Fiorentina, who have taken over Brunswick's fixtures, have opened with a goal rush. They trounced Park Rangers 16-0 last Saturday, and brought their goals total to 20-0 in two matches!

Beauty of this side is that they are all youngsters, mainly between 16 and 20. Daddy of them all at 23 is centre-forward VIRSILLA, who, says president E. ROMININ, will be attracting higher league clubs' attention before very long. No wonder. Virsilla notched nine of last week's 16!

SOME DEBUT!

"He's very good," says Mr. Rominin. "Last week's game was his first with us, and weren't we surprised! He rarely missed a chance in the penalty area."

Also earning the praises are the Cerni brothers, 16-year-old right-winger Charlie and left-back Toni, who is a year older. Inside-left Monico (19) is also "extremely promising."

Fiorentina admit Park Rangers were sadly under-strengthened and were without their regular goalkeeper, but they say: "If our lads keep playing like this we'll be pressing the Soccer Council for a better division next season."

VELLA BEATS SLADE



Johnny Slade leaps vainly in an attempt to intercept Lolly Vella's beautifully placed drive which found the corner of the net. Also in the picture are Teuben (J.U.S.T.) and Capobus (Polonia).

GET IT RIGHT!

ADDRESS of Coburg secretary, Mr. A. S. Dunlop, is incorrectly given as Ascot Vale on Page 20 of the Year Book. It should be amended to read 17 Joffre Road, Pascoe Vale. Mr. Dunlop's correct address is given on Page 9 of the Year Book.

Mr. George Gini leaves League Management

A.L. soccer followers will regret the resignation from the League Management Committee of Mr. George Gini, a man who knows the rules and constitution as well as anybody in Victorian soccer.

Mr. Gini came here many years ago with Savoia, an Italian touring team. He found Victoria such a pleasant spot to settle he returned to Melbourne later. In 1950, he was appointed president of Park Rangers, with whom he has been associated since 1946.

An old soccer injury is a severe handicap to his agility; but, say Park Rangers, "his spirit and keenness for soccer is as strong as ever."

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President's party sets off Windmill goal-rush!

WILHELMINA's personality president, J. van Hoboken, threw a party at Bob Maas's Restaurant the other Sunday. And he made a speech. "This," Mr. van Hoboken told 40 players and officials, "is to celebrate our last defeat."

It was.

Since they drank up that night — one day after Moreland sank

them 1-0 — they've been called Wilhelmina the wreckers.

The Windmills had been due for a turn of fortune. Check their brilliant record. Before this season they had been:

- Champions in consecutive years.

- Notched 50 wins out of 54 games.

- Grabbed an average of five goals a game.

Yet, until the president's party they had been shambling along in Division 1. They just couldn't "click."

Off Form.

Star forward Henk Huigen, scorer of nearly half their 82 goals last term, has been shuffling along in the reserves. He just can't score.

Seems, though, their soccer science — plus de Bruyckere — is back. One time Dutch Division One player van Dyke, now at Melbourne University, walked into their dressing room to sign on recently. And he's already got his first team place — and deserves it.

Now they're waiting for Henk . . .

★ ★ ★
NEW PRESTON forward, Kopschar, made a promising debut in the game they lost by 1-0 against Hellenic last Saturday, even though he's been out of soccer for two years.

★ ★ ★
LIONS are being given credit for putting the recent bite into Sandringham Reserves. The young Lions gave Sandringham a 5-0 lesson three weeks ago. Since then City have followed up by beating Heidelberg, 5-2, and Dandenong — previously unbeaten — by 2-0.

★ ★ ★
TRIBUTE to the referee from Coburg for the way he handled last week's game, in which Coburg toppled league-leaders Yarr Park by 1-0. And a reminder to every club: If you've got something to say about the referee, give his name!

"Good stuff," says English referee

WATCHING last Sunday's World Cup games at Olympic Park was Football League referee and former Gateshead director Mr. Joe Franks, who docked "down-under" just a month ago. He was in Melbourne on business and couldn't resist a look in at Olympic Park. Said Mr. Franks: "I didn't think Victorian soccer was as good as this. It's got great possibilities."

★ ★ ★
CAN'T keep good men down say Sandringham. So up to the senior side come half-back John Haycroft and winger Alan Barratt. On last week's showing, Sandringham could do with inside changes. They had 90 per cent. of the play, but it was not until late in the game before they scored two goals to beat G.M.H.

★ ★ ★
Keep-them-contented Franks-ton are holding their young players' interest by playing them in friendly games against non-league sides.

★ ★ ★
HAKOAH say that new boy Neuhold, the Austrian who joined them last month, is at last settling down and fitting in with the rest of the line. "Expect some really first-class soccer from him when he is fit," they have told me. Also "settling down" is ex-J.U.S.T. player Ivan Senisen, now coach at Lions. At least he started as coach. Now he's playing coach. But Ivan's happy.

TOP MARKS TO THIS REFEREE

POLICE were called to check brawling spectators at Richmond last week. None of the players was involved, but referee Greenwood held up the game for a few minutes till fighting stopped.

Mr. C. Rodger, vice-president and selector of the Referees' Association, who was at the match, congratulated Mr. Greenwood afterwards.

Said Mr. Rodger: "He handled a nasty situation very well indeed."

Top marks for the referee came from both clubs, too.

Of the game — a goalless draw with George Cross — Richmond said: "A fair and just result — both sides played lovely soccer and defences were always on top."

Picture it—that's Moreland's plan for piling up the points!

TRAINING night at Moreland means an evening at the pictures! Every game is filmed with a movie camera and checked over move-by-move by coach Jack Finlay in backroom tactical talks.

Players see for themselves their positioning errors. Match-winning moves are planned, too. Filming matches is a Moreland innovation this year — and this is their best season for some time.

The one-man film company is reserve player Sam Horrobin, Jnr. — cameraman, darkroom man and projectionist.

And what do the players think about being film stars? Drawled leader Jack Wilson: "The films are a great idea for picking out faults . . . but I don't reckon any of us will be getting Hollywood offers."

CHARMING



Pepe Cubero, J.U.S.T.'s handsome and accomplished Spanish forward, smiles contentedly as he joins his lovely bride to make this charming study at the reception which followed their recent marriage.

BRIEFLY . . .

• **REFEREE** Bill Curran, who splintered a bone in the right ankle seven weeks ago, hopes to have a try out on the line at Olympic Park this afternoon.

★ ★ ★
• **ISRAEL'S** Issy Peters, of Maccabi, slipped a cartilage in his right knee in the world cup match against Malta last Sunday and missed the last 25 minutes of the game.

★ ★ ★
• **LOSS** of players through "service reasons" has sunk the Navy men, F.N.D., deep down to the bottom of Division 3.

★ ★ ★
• **BOX HILL** quote: "Wilhelmina's forward line is the best we have met this season."

★ ★ ★
• **SOUTH MELBOURNE** say goodbye to half-back Bruce Forsythe — returning to Scotland — at a party at Alan Thompson's home to-night.

★ ★ ★
• **IRISHMEN** available for Ireland in the World Cup game against Yugoslavia at Olympic Park on May 26 contact Mr. S. Horrobin, 93 Emmaline Street, Northcote.

★ ★ ★
• **JUNIOR** wanting a club: 18-year-old student accountant, Alan Voe, 38 Barrington Avenue, Kew, inside-left or left-half, two months out from Manchester, England.

★ ★ ★
• **BRIGHTON'S** president, Bill Thomas Jnr., treasurer Andy Keane and team manager George Nichols have joined the ranks of the dawn golfers on Brighton course Saturdays.

Division 1 review by Morrie Buckner

WATCH OUT, WILHELMINA ARE SETTLING DOWN!

WILHELMINA have overcome their earlier top-league stage-fright, and, by flattening Slavia 5-1 at Olympic Park last Saturday, proved themselves to be strong contenders for the premiership.

The Dutch side appear to be at present the only completely balanced team in the league. The speed, co-ordination, power, and purpose displayed in their last four matches have not been matched even by league leaders, J.U.S.T., who, though still undefeated, are not putting up performances as convincing as those of Wilhelmina.

On their records, Wilhelmina should defeat Polonia to-day, and J.U.S.T. could lose to Geelong. If these two possibilities eventuate, I would not be surprised to see Wilhelmina wrest league leadership from J.U.S.T. on goal percentage when they meet next week at Olympic Park.

With the exception of recent arrival van Dyck, who played left wing last week but is not yet at his top, the Dutchmen were yards faster to the ball than their opponents.

Rein Yntema proved his versatility by successfully leading the attack, and he was ably assisted from both wings by his fellow forwards and half-backs.

With a sound defence capable of handling any attack of the quality so far shown by their league opponents, Wilhelmina have little to fear.

The Dutchmen's 4-0 first-half lead may have been helped by what appeared to be a case of jitters suffered by young Don Smith, who replaced the injured Ray Barotajs in Slavia's goal. It was Don's first appearance at soccer headquarters, and it must have been a trying ordeal. In the second half, Don had recovered his form of the week before, and only a terrific header from Peter Schipperheyn got past him.

Polonia are having more ups and downs than an elevator. They ran away to a 2-0 lead over J.U.S.T.

last Saturday, then allowed themselves to be worried out of the game, going down finally 3-4.

Bright spot for Polonia was possibly young Swoboda's effort in scoring twice.

Geelong and Juventus are putting up a peculiar record. Of the six matches each has played, Geelong have drawn four times, and Juventus three! These one-point results are proving costly to their league standings.

Moreland have climbed steadily, and their 2-0 defeat of Brighton last week landed them in fourth place on the ladder, just above Hakoah, who struggled to a 1-0 win over Box Hill.

Considering the wealth of talent and experience in the Hakoah side, their performances are inexplicably unimpressive. However, the Blues have found form in the second half of previous seasons, and may do so again.

SENT OFF!

TOM IRVINE, Park Rangers' right-half, was sent off after 12 minutes in the game against Maccabi last week. The 10 men played great football to lead 1-0 at the interval, but Maccabi later scored twice. Back with Park Rangers for their big Yarra Park game to-day are Collett (influenza last week), Matthews (training injury), Cassells (Army duties) and West (unavailable).

SLADE BEATS VELLA



Johnny Slade clears over Lolly Vella's bowed head at the Showgrounds last week. Linari and Cubero watch from the background.

Brighton's new 'keeper injured

TED WILLIAMSON, promising young goalkeeper who joined Brighton from Sandringham a couple of weeks back, has broken a bone in his left hand. He will be out for several weeks.

Brighton, already struggling, have been hard hit by injuries. Last week they were forced to experiment with winger MacKenzie at centre-forward and Brian Thomas at outside-left, but they went down to Moreland, and Thomson joined the injury list with a pulled muscle. Also out with an injured ankle is Ken Cullen.

JUNIOR SOCCER

BRIGHTON had a field day last Saturday in a junior under 15 game. They beat Broadmeadows, 15-0. Well done, Brighton — and a pat on the back, too, to gallant Broadmeadows, who never said die throughout. The greater all-round experience of the Brighton boys paid in this match (writes Barry Matthews).

Club with a problem is Sunshine City. They have been a real strength in the league, but now their Under 15 team is without a manager, and unless some one comes forward quickly there is a danger that the side will have to be scrapped.

Footscray and Hellenic have withdrawn from the Under 20's, but it is encouraging to see that Box Hill are making an effort to field a second team to fulfil the fixtures for one of these sides.

SHOCK DEFEAT

Shock defeat last Saturday was Broadmeadows' 2-1 victory over Polonia, who had been up with the leaders of the 20's. This Broadmeadows' win will set many teams thinking!

A word about results. Clubs are

Division 2 form is so topsy-turvy!

THE topsy-turvy Second

Division turned up even more surprises than usual last Saturday, when the three top teams were forced to share the points with their much-lower-in-the-ladder opponents.

Hellenic staked a claim for recognition with a victory over Preston, who must recover against top team South Melbourne to-day to keep with the leaders.

And Sunshine City, though they notched their first win, will find Richmond, starting to improve, tough opposition to-day.

The Hellenic and Yallourn match will be another grim battle to-day and George Cross may be in trouble at Footscray, who, after a thrashing by Preston, forced a

draw at Yallourn last week.

The injury bogey, already changing the fortunes of several clubs, is hounding Division 2 leaders, South Melbourne United.

They tottered in top place last week and consider themselves very lucky to have taken a point from Prahran. For 85 minutes South Melbourne had only 10 men.

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TEAMS FOR THIS WEEK-END

AT Press time, clubs had short-listed the following players in their line-ups for the matches this week-end:—

DIVISION I

BRIGHTON v. Juventus, at Elsternwick Park.
Scott; McCartney, Sirach, Kottako; Waltzer, Engelbogen, Garret, Finlay, Petersen, Lachman, MacKenzie.

JUVENTUS v. Brighton.
Vitti, Picinich, Guardiani, Kasai, Saico, Lacatos, Novasaleich, Plateo, Saico, Toth, Parlatoni, Weinber, Zavatier, Trentini, Pittoni.

HAKOAH v. Slavia.
Van Egmond; Jack, McIntosh; Thomas, Garland, Sutherland, Harburn; Neuhold, Sacco, Carroll, Blakely, Piercy, Reichelder.

SLAVIA v. Hakoah.
Barotajs; Terek, Reinbold, Roznetinsky; Glennie, Petherick, Vacirca; Bell, Gotschlich, Cook, Gotesman, Copeland. Reserves: Brady, MacFadyen, Dickson.

MORELAND v. Box Hill, at Box Hill.
Hobson; McColl, Innard; Kyle, Stott, Goodman; Oxton, Hodgson, Wilson, Loughran, Smith.

BOX HILL v. Moreland.
Stow; Van Der Piet, Vandenberg; Nelson, McLeod, McClelland; Tester, Hewigan, Patterson, Morrow, Bakens. Reserves: Paton, Slaats, T. White.

GEELONG v. J.U.S.T.
Penzo; Gennari, Sabidussi; Panganasio, Salvalaggio, Spaziani; Anderson, Scalamera, Boz, Tognon, Trentini. Reserve: Varrasso.

J.U.S.T. v. Geelong.
Lucian; Vidovic, Gungl; Apologno, T. Vella, Brenner, Jakus, Kolaric; E. Vella, Cubero, Ardner, Lunaro, Teuben.

POLONIA v. Wilhelmina.
Terlikowski; Zablocki, Jakubowski; Plekan, Pedzimaz, Lawrie; Cerkaski, Rubini, Vonnagy, Strahan, Swoboda.

WILHELMINA v. Polonia.
Ruyters; Sloothaak, Mathysen; Remmers, Westerveld, Olliessers; Luyten, Yntema, Schipperheyn, Huygen, de Bruyckere. Reserves: Waldeck, Dindher.

DIVISION II

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED v. Preston, at Middle Park.
Camilleri; Eagleton, M. James; Forsythe, Thompson, Guy, Annersley; G. James, Budgen, Denny, Macleod, Ritchie, Jordon.

PRESTON v. South Melbourne United.
Bujeja; Schranz, Henderson; Brim, Frost, Rabel; Cunningham, Noy, Brunnbauer, Kopschar, Berner.

RICHMOND v. Sunshine City, at Sunshine.

Pfeiffer; Spieth, Wenzlaff; Duerbuck, Engler, Strammi; Folk, Stegner, Bing, Stefanson, Aldeschulte, Jurkowsky.

FOOTSCRAY CITY v. George Cross, at Footscray.

Pissanti, Kempleran; Macintosh, Baker; Randall, Hamilton, MacFadden; Whitehouse, Weston, Rielley, McLoud, Rice. Reserve: Middlemiss.

YALLOURN v. Hellenic, at Melbourne.
Blunt, J. Saxelby, Clark, Weir, Portrit, Ostlund, Mackey, H. Saxelby, Machen, Bathgate, Campbell.

DIVISION III

FRANKSTON v. Hayduk, at Frankston.

Albers; Blerman, Pastischnyj, Schreuder; Mack, Wilkes, Wren, Pigott; Heath, Richardson, Zelat, Lymer, Bettis.

PARK RANGERS v. Yarra Park, at Yarra Park No. 12.

Harris; Key, Matthews, Moat; Collett, Stephenson, Starrett, Irvine; West, Moran, Cassells, McKenzie, Power, Kenny.

FORENTINA v. Coburg, at Coburg.
Manduca; Fabris, T. Cerni; Marinucci, Colombo, Teiri, C. Cerni, Diblasio, Vanzella, Monaco, Vahl, Reserves: Anapolli, Giaghacovo, Sindicato.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

BAYSWATER v. Williamstown, at Williamstown.

Kayser; Segeets, Gunter, Bellharks, Fridus, Fuchs; Wied, Steller, Truberger, Weiler, Steller. Reserve: Bulach.

SANDRINGHAM CITY v. Rosebud, at Hampton.

Schenck; Bartolo, Sutherland; Hycroft, McQuaigue, Jordan; Barratt, Hyndman, Saunders, Dawson, Linton, Saxon, Young.

"A STAR IS BORN!"

Congratulations to double personality, secretary goalkeeper Bill Stow, and wife Myra on the birth of their second son on Thursday last, May 2.

It's to be hoped that he doesn't grow taller than dad, or we will have to consider raising the cross-bar.

ST. ALBANS v. University, at Royal Park.

Miler, Schlede, Winkler; Turner, Simonis, Feist; Berger, Landherr, Stolk, Beller, Goettlicher. Reserves: Suttmann, Stirkut.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

C.S.R. v. Fairfield, at Fairfield.
Spiteri, Jeovida, Borg, Staulolber, Merkenich, Marinescu; Mickalk, Gerhard, Frendo, Cassar, Farrugia. Reserves: Benamino, Stola, MELBOURNE v. Ferntree Gully, at Middle Park.

Viss, Szalai, Nutasi, Rozsaheggi, Zolnay, Mehes, Voros, Urban, Bokos, Vass, Holl, Szendy, Lassio.

ROSEBUD v. Sandringham City, at Sandringham.

Andersen; Walker, Morssenkoof, Greer, M. Morssenkoof, Kleinsman; Hartford, Tammenson, Kipping, Ircher, B. Morssenkoof.

Mr. Skolnik Takes the Plunge.

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Hungarian side backed by Mr. Skolnik, China, and F.K. Austria.

They will be matched against each other in all States competing for the Skolnik World Cup.

Chairman of the Australian Soccer Football Association, Mr. Sid Storey, flew to Melbourne last week for talks with Mr. Skolnik and other soccer officials to make final arrangements.

Mr. Skolnik will pay the Hungarian party's air fares of more than £10,000, interstate air travel, accommodation and an out-of-pocket allowance of £5000.

The Chinese and Austrians, whose visits have been arranged by the Soccer Association, will pay their own expenses.

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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

DIVISION 1.

Polonia v. Wilhelmina.
Brighton v. Juventus.
Box Hill v. Moreland.
Slavia v. Hakoah.
J.U.S.T. v. Geelong.

DIVISION 2.

South Yarra v. Prahran.
Footscray City v. George Cross.
Hellenic v. Yallourn.
South Melbourne v. Preston.
Sunshine City v. Richmond.

DIVISION 3.

Yarra Park v. Park Rangers.
Maccabi v. Moorabbin City.
Brunswick v. Sunshine United.
Vic. Colts v. F.N.D.
Dandenong Rovers v. Coburg.
Frankston v. Hayduk.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Wilhelmina v. Polonia.
Juventus v. Brighton.
Moreland v. Box Hill.
Hakoah v. Slavia.
Geelong v. J.U.S.T.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Prahran v. South Yarra.
George Cross v. Footscray City.
Yallourn v. Hellenic.
Preston v. South Melbourne.
Richmond v. Sunshine City.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Moorabbin City v. Lions.
University v. Sandringham City.
Heidelberg v. Dandenong.
Coburg v. Fiorentina.
Sunshine United v. I.C.L.
Park Rangers v. Maccabi.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

I.C.L v. Lions.
Williamstown v. Bayswater.
Fairfield v. C.S.R.
University v. St. Albans.
Heidelberg v. C. Fert.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Pascoe Vale v. Vic. Police.
Sandringham City v. Rosebud.
Port Melbourne v. G.M.H.
Croatia v. Wilhelmina.
Melbourne v. Ferntree Gully.

NEXT WEEK'S

DIVISION 1.

Wilhelmina v. J.U.S.T.
Hakoah v. Polonia.
Moreland v. Slavia.
Juventus v. Box Hill.
Geelong v. Brighton.

DIVISION 2.

Prahran v. Sunshine City.
Preston v. South Yarra.
Yallourn v. South Melbourne.
George Cross v. Hellenic.
Richmond v. Footscray City.

DIVISION 3.

Moorabbin City v. Coburg.
Maccabi v. Yarra Park.
Frankston v. Brunswick.
F.N.D. v. Sunshine United.
Hayduk v. Vic. Colts.
Park Rangers v. Dandenong Rovers.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

J.U.S.T. v. Wilhelmina.
Polonia v. Hakoah.
Slavia v. Moreland.
Box Hill v. Juventus.
Brighton v. Geelong.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Sunshine City v. Prahran.
South Yarra v. Preston.
South Melbourne v. Yallourn.
Hellenic v. George Cross.
Footscray City v. Richmond.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Sandringham City v. I.C.L.
University v. Moorabbin City.
Park Rangers v. Heidelberg.
Fiorentina v. Dandenong.
Maccabi v. Coburg.
Lions v. Sunshine United.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Lions v. Heidelberg.
St. Albans v. I.C.L.
C.S.R. v. University.
Bayswater v. Fairfield.
C. Fert. v. Williamstown.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Vic. Police v. Melbourne.
Wilhelmina v. Pascoe Vale.
G.M.H. v. Croatia.
Rosebud v. Port Melbourne.
Ferntree Gully v. Sandringham City.

RESULTS

DIVISION 1.

J.U.S.T. 4. Polonia 2.
Wilhelmina 5. St. Albans 1.
Hakoah 1. Box Hill 0.
Moreland 2. Brighton 0.
Geelong 1. Juventus 1.

DIVISION 2.

Sunshine City 2. South Yarra 1.
Prahran 1. South Melbourne 1.
Preston 1. Hellenic 3.
Yallourn 2. Footscray 2.
Richmond 0. George Cross 0.

DIVISION 3.

Moorabbin City 2. Sunshine U. 8.
Coburg 1. Yarra Park 0.
Vic. Colts 4. Brunswick 1.
F.N.D. 0. Frankston 1.
Park Rangers 1. Maccabi 2.
Hayduk 1. Dandenong 0.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Heidelberg 1. I.C.L 1.
Lions 2. University 1.
St. Albans 2. Fairfield 1.
C.S.R. 2. Williamstown 1.
C. Fert. 2. Bayswater 5.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Melbourne 7. Pascoe Vale 2.
Vic. Police 1. Croatia 2.
Wilhelmina 2. Port Melbourne 3.
G.M.H. 0. Sandringham City 2.
Ferntree Gully 1. Rosebud 2.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Polonia 1. J.U.S.T. 1.
Slavia 1. Wilhelmina 2.
Box Hill 0. Hakoah 1.
Brighton 1. Moreland 1.
Juventus 1. Geelong 0.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

South Yarra 0. Sunshine City 4.
South Melbourne 4. Prahran 1.
Hellenic 4. Preston 1.
Footscray 0. Yallourn 2.

George Cross 2. Richmond 1.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Sandringham City 2. Dandenong 0.
I.C.L 2. Moorabbin City 0.
Coburg 1. Heidelberg 2.
Fiorentina 15. Park Rangers 0.
Lions 6. University 1.

Maccabi 0. Sunshine United 2.

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HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION 1.

Team.	Goals						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	7	6	1	0	19	11	13
Wilhelmina	7	4	1	2	19	8	9
Slavia	7	4	1	2	16	13	9
Moreland	6	3	1	2	11	9	7
Hakoah	6	3	1	2	7	7	7
Geelong	6	1	4	1	7	6	6
Juventus	6	1	3	2	8	10	5
Polonia	7	2	1	4	13	13	5
Brighton	7	2	0	5	8	13	4
Box Hill	7	0	1	6	2	20	1

DIVISION 2.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S. Melb.	7	5	1	0	15	8	13
Geo. Cross	7	5	1	1	15	8	11
Yallourn	7	3	3	1	20	11	9
Preston	7	3	1	3	14	11	7
Richmond	7	2	2	3	11	10	6
Hellenic	6	3	0	3	10	10	5
Prahran	7	2	2	3	11	16	6
Sunshine C.	7	1	2	4	9	14	4
F'scay C.	6	1	2	3	10	15	4
S. Yarra	7	1	0	6	7	23	2

DIVISION 3.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hayduk	7	5	2	0	14	6	12
Yarra Park	7	5	1	1	26	9	11
Sunshine U.	7	4	1	2	20	14	9
Dandenong	7	3	3	1	17	13	9
Brunswick	7	3	2	2	14	12	8
Maccabi	7	3	2	2	14	12	8
Coburg	7	3	1	3	8	7	7
Frankston	7	3	1	3	14	12	7
Park R.	7	3	0	4	10	13	6
Vic. Colts	7	2	0	5	15	18	4
Moorabbin	7	0	2	5	11	27	2
F.N.D.	7	0	1	6	2	22	1

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
I.C.L.	7	5	1	1	19	9	11
W'town	7	5	0	2	20	21	10
St. Albans	7	4	1	2	20	13	9
Bayswater	7	4	1	2	20	14	9
Lions	7	4	0	3	21	11	8
Leideberg	7	2	2	2	15	15	6
University	7	3	1	3	13	13	7
Fairfield	7	2	1	4	12	19	5
C.S.R.	7	2	0	5	15	22	4
C.F.C.	7	0	1	6	6	34	1

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	6	8	0	0	48	9	12
Ferntree G.	7	3	3	1	19	12	9
Vic. Police	7	3	2	2	18	10	8
P. Melb.	6	4	0	2	11	11	8
Croatia	5	3	1	1	13	7	7
Wilhelmina	7	3	2	2	28	32	7
Rosebud	6	3	0	3	26	15	6
S'ham C.	6	2	1	3	11	12	5
Pascoe Vale	7	1	0	6	9	34	2
G.M.H.	7	0	0	7	5	47	0

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	7	5	1	1	19	9	11
Juventus	6	5	0	1	21	8	10
J.U.S.T.	7	4	1	7	14	9	9
Geelong	6	4	0	2	19	8	8
Moreland	6	4	0	2	18	8	8
Wilhelmina	7	4	0	3	18	17	8
Hakoah	6	2	0	4	8	11	4
Brighton	7	2	0	5	8	26	4
Box Hill	7	1	0	6	11	23	2
Slavia	7	1	0	6	11	28	2

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross	7	6	1	0	24	8	13
S. Melb.	7	5	0	7	25	9	10
Sunshine C.	7	3	2	2	15	17	8
Richmond	7	3	1	3	21	14	7
Preston	7	3	1	3	15	15	7
Yallourn	7	2	2	3	14	13	6
Prahran	7	2	2	3	13	13	6
Hellenic	7	2	2	3	10	11	6
F'scay C.	7	1	2	4	3	18	4
S. Yarra	7	1	1	5	4	26	3

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	7	6	0	1	26	9	12
Sunshine U.	7	5	1	1	23	9	11
Dandenong	6	5	0	1	17	5	10
Coburg	7	4	2	1	19	8	10
I.C.L.	7	5	0	2	17	13	10
S'ham City	7	4	1	2	10	10	9
Maccabi	6	3	0	3	12	10	6
Fiorentina	3	2	0	0	20	0	4
Heidelberg	7	1	1	5	9	23	3
Park R.	7	1	1	5	9	31	3
M'abbin C.	7	1	0	6	12	26	2
University	7	0	2	5	8	27	2

Olympic Park Programme

HERE are the matches which will be played at Olympic Park during the first half of the season. The rest of the games will be published in "Soccer News" later this season.

MAY.

- 11—Polonia v. Wilhelmina
- 12—J.U.S.T. v. Geelong.
- 18—Wilhelmina v. J.U.S.T.
- 19—Hakoah v. Polonia.
- 25—Hakoah v. Juventus
- 26—Hungary v. Scotland; Ireland v. Yugoslavia.

JUNE.

- 1—Hakoah v. J.U.S.T.
- 2—Italy v. Austria; Australia v. Croatia.
- 8—Polonia v. Juventus.
- 9—Holland v. England; Greece v. Malta.

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